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SUBJECT: MTN: CONSULTATIONS WITH PHILIPPINE DELEGATION

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1. MCNAMARA AND GRAEF OF US MTN DEL MET APRIL 14 WITH AMBASSADOR VEGA, MS. MARCOS, GARRIDO AND MADAMBA OF PHILIPPINE DEL TO PRESENT WRITTEN RESPONSES TO PHILIPPINE QUESTIONS DRAWN FROM REFTEL A, PARAS 4-16.

2. WITH RESPECT TO PORTION PARA 9 REFTEL A QUESTIONED IN REFTEL B, WE INDICATED TIME MAY HAVE PASSED FOR FURTHER GSP PRODUCT REQUESTS AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING SINCE GSP PRODUCT LIST ALREADY TRANSMITTED ITC MARCH 27. PHILIPPINE DEL NONETHELESS HAD ADDITIONAL PRODUCT REQUEST LIST OF TWELVE ITEMS INCLUDING INTER ALIA, PINEAPPLE JUICE, LEAF TOBACCO EXCEPT WRAPPERS, CIGARS, PLACE MATS, AND
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CORDAGE OF ABACA. LIST INCLUDED FOOTWEAR BUT WE POINTED

OUT EXCLUSION OF GSP FOR THESE PRODUCTS WAS MANDATORY. THE LIST WILL ALSO BE TRANSMITTED TO USG THROUGH PHILIPPINE EMBASSY WASHINGTON. COPIES POUCHED WASHINGTON AND MANILA.

3. AMB. VEGA STATED THAT ANSWERS WOULD FORM QTE CLEAR BASIS FOR CONSIDERING BASIS FOR OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS, UNQTE AND NOTED THAT HE WOULD ARRIVE IN MANILA APRIL 17 FOR CONSULTATIONS.

4. VEGA'S QUESTIONS DID NOT RELATE DIRECTLY TO REF A RESPONSES BUT RATHER FOCUSED ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AUTHORITIES IN TRADE ACT AND BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. VEGA INTERESTED IN WHETHER GSP PRODUCT COVERAGE AND RATE COULD BE BOUND BILATERALLY, EXTENT AND APPLICATION EX-OUT AUTHORITY, AND WHETHER SECTION 108 OF THE ACT REGARDING SUPPLY ACCESS WOULD BE APPLIED BILATERALLY. OTHER QUESTIONS RELATED TO IDENTIFYING EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE FOR COMPLETING TRADE ACT SECTIONS 131-135 AND 503 PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC AND GSP PRODUCT LISTS, AND WHETHER SUCH PROCEDURES COULD BE COMPLETED FOR SOME PRODUCTS IN ADVANCE OF OTHERS.

5. WE RESPONDED THAT IT NOT POSSIBLE TO BIND GSP PRODUCT COVERAGE BILATERALLY OR MULTILATERALLY AND STRESSED GREATER VALUE OF MFN TARIFF CONCESSIONS. WE NOTED THAT ALL TARIFF CONCESSIONS INCLUDING EX-OUTS COULD ONLY BE GRANTED ON A MFN BASIS, EXPLAINING HOWEVER THAT EX-OUT AUTHORITY COULD BE USED FOR EXAMPLE TO GRANT A CONCESSION PRINCIPALLY BENEFITING A COUNTRY GRANTING RECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS TO THE EXCLUSION OF ANOTHER COUNTRY LESS FORTHCOMING. THE LATTER EXAMPLE WAS IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO VEGA'S HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION ON TWO EXPORTERS OF COCONUT OIL, IVORY COAST AND PHILIPPINES. WE STRESSED THAT RECIPROCITY CONSISTENT WITH DEVELOPMENT, TRADE, FINANCIAL NEEDS WAS EXPECTED FOR U.S. CONCESSIONS. WE ALSO NOTED IN PASSING THAT BULK OF DISCUSSIONS IN MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ARE PRINCIPALLY BILATERAL, ONCE GENERAL RULES ARE ESTABLISHED.

6. WE STATED THAT IN GENERAL U.S. WAS APPROACHING SUPPLY ACCESS QUESTIONS MULTILATERALLY, AND RESPONDED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT SECTIONS 131-135 AND 503 PROCEDURES COMPLEX AND INTER-RELATED AND ITC INTENDED NOT TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON EITHER LIST IN PIECES.

7. COMMENT: VEGA'S QUESTIONS SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY GOP IS REVIEWING QTE FOOTDRAGGING UNQTE POSITION EXPRESSED REFTL B. IT IS CLEAR FILIPINOS DID NOT GET ALL THAT THEY WANTED IN GSP PRODUCT LIST AND VEGA HAS CLEARER UNDERSTANDING

THAT SOME RECIPROCITY WILL BE NECESSARY FOR U.S. CONCESSIONS
ON PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO THE PHILIPPINES. EX-OUT
QUESTION IN CONTEXT CLEARLY RELATED TO CANE SUGAR GIVEN
VEGA'S INTEREST IN THIS TECHNIQUE AS METHOD FOR U.S. TO
AVOID SUGAR CONCESSIONS TO OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.
QUESTION ON SUPPLY ACCESS INDICATED VEGA AWARE SOME
CONCESSION NECESSARY AND MAY BE THINKING ABOUT LONG TERM
SUGAR COMMITMENTS. WOLFF

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